

***DOXOLOGY #607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #80** *You Shall Go Out With Joy* (sing 3 times)

***BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *I Saw Three Ships* arr. Penny Rodriguez

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. We are using Advent words for worship from A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org, specifically work from Sarah Are. The liturgist is Eugene Godwin. The Usher is Ginny Vance. The worship service is recorded and available on YouTube and the church's website.

Large print hymn books, individual seat cushions, and children's activity packets are available from the usher at the entrance. Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for all parts of the worship service. There is also childcare available in the room off the front of the sanctuary. A diaper changing station is in the room labeled "Teen Lounge" just past the bathrooms

Bathrooms are located outside of the sanctuary to the right, through the narthex, and up the small set of stairs. An ADA-accessible bathroom is located in the fellowship hall. To access the fellowship hall, drive around to the parking lot and enter through the double doors.

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DELIGHT (JOY) CAN'T WAIT

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

December 14, 2025 3rd Sunday of Advent 11:00 am

(*) You’re invited to stand as you are able.

GATHERING

PRELUDE Overture from The Nutcracker

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS Rev. Caitlin Culp

HYMN OF PREPARATION #92 While We Are Waiting, Come

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Jason, Colleen, and Lillian

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC

Leader: What can’t wait?
People: Hope for a better day.
One: What can’t wait?
All: Peace and repentance, among and within us.
One: What can’t wait?
All: Joy and delight! Our cup runneth over.
One: What can’t wait?
All: Love for self, love for neighbor, love for Creator, love for creation.
One: God is waiting, and God is ready.
All: Starting here and now—let us worship Holy God.

*OPENING HYMN #100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC

Magnificent God, it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom and the hungry being filled with good things. We may not want the powerful to be brought down or the rich to be sent away empty. We know that sometimes, we are the powerful. Sometimes, we are the rich. Sometimes we are the ones with privilege, ignoring and harming those you would lift up. Forgive us, humble us, and refocus us, that we may follow your way of life and truth. *Silent prayer...*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE #88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, verse 7

PASSING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Eugene Godwin

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:46-55

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT INTRODUCTION Kent Hamaker

All hymns are 1st verse only except the final hymn. Please stay seated for the singing, except for the final hymn.

HYMN #88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1st NARRATION

HYMN #123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

2nd NARRATION

HYMN #119 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

3rd NARRATION

HYMN #115 Away in a Manger

4th NARRATION

HYMN #151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

5th NARRATION

*HYMN #134 Joy to the World (all verses)